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Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump, speaks during a campaign event, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, in Uniondale, N.Y.

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# Voters view Harris more favorably as she settles into role atop Democratic ticket: AP-NORC poll

By LINLEY SANDERS and JONATHAN J. COOPER  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Until recently, Lillian Dunsmuir of Bullhead City, Arizona, “didn’t really think about” Kamala Harris and had no opinion of the vice president. But now she likes what she’s seeing. “She’s funny. I think she’s very smart. She can speak well,” said Dunsmuir, a 58-year-old real estate agent. “I would feel safe with her because I think she can handle herself with foreign leaders. I like her because she’s for pro-choice, and so am I.”

Voters view Harris slightly more favorably than they did in July, just after President Joe Biden dropped out of the race, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The Democratic presidential nominee is now seen more positively than negatively. Former President Donald Trump’s favorability ratings remained steady, although the poll was conducted prior to the apparent assassination attempt of the Republican nominee on his golf course in Florida on Sunday.

According to the survey, about half of voters have a somewhat or very positive view of Harris, and 44% have a somewhat or very negative view. That’s a small shift since late July, just after Biden dropped out of the race, when views of Harris were slightly more unfavorable than favorable. Six in 10 voters, meanwhile, have a somewhat or very unfavorable view of Trump, while about 4 in 10 have a somewhat or very favorable view of him.

Changes in views of national figures like Biden, Trump or Harris have been rare over the past few years. Trump’s favorability rating didn’t budge over the course of the summer, despite a felony conviction, a close call with a would-be assassin in Pennsylvania, and a new opponent in the presidential contest. But Trump has prevailed in the past with similarly low favorability ratings. He won the 2016 election despite being broadly unpopular, and



**Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris arrives to speak at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) leadership conference, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, in Washington.**

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came close to winning in 2020 under similar conditions.

The survey also found that relatively small shares of voters — around one-third — say the phrase “would change the country for the better” describes Trump or Harris extremely or very well, suggesting that voters retain some gloom about their options in the race.

“Everyone talks about how polarized we are. I don’t see the election solving that,” said Sean Luebbers, a 55-year-old high school history teacher in Upland, California, who supports Harris. “I don’t see Harris solving that. I think a lot of the damage has already been done, so I’m not hopeful that the election will solve that. Right now, you might call it triage. We can’t make things worse.”

Still, there are other signs in the poll that Harris’ introduction to the country is continuing to go well. Voters are more likely to say that Harris would make a good president and that the Republican former president would not make a good president. About half of voters say that Harris would make a good president, while

36% of voters say that about Trump. And voters think Harris has a better chance of winning the election in November, though a substantial share say the candidates are equally likely to win or don’t have an opinion.

In another potentially promising finding for Harris, independent voters view her a little more favorably compared to Trump, although a sizable share of independents view both candidates negatively. Among independents, 3 in 10 say they don’t know enough to say whether Harris would make a good president, while 1 in 10 say that about Trump, suggesting the vice president has more room to gain ground than her rival on that measure.

Opinions about Trump on a variety of attributes are generally more formed than opinions about Harris. About 6 in 10 voters say the phrase “will say anything to win the election” describes Trump “extremely” or “very” well. About 4 in 10 voters say that phrase describes Harris at least very well.

Voters are more likely to say “would change the country

for the better” describes Harris extremely or very well. They’re also more likely to see Harris over Trump as someone who would fight for people like them.

Despite attempts by Trump to cast Harris as a weak alternative, voters are similarly likely to think that Trump and Harris are tough enough to be president.

“I think that was his biggest problem — he was a strong leader and they didn’t like it,” Pat Brumfield, a 71-year-old retired administrator from Glenwood, West Virginia, said of Trump. That strength, she said, could benefit the country now.

“I think that we need it,” said Brumfield, who described herself as a lifelong Democrat, but said she’s become disillusioned with the party and won’t vote for Harris. “After almost four years of Biden barely getting around, I think it’s put a black eye on the whole nation.”

On both sides of the political aisle, Republican and Democratic voters have stronger feelings about their opponent than their own party’s candidate. For example, Demo-

cratic voters were more likely to say that Trump would not change the country for the better or fight for people like them than they were to say Harris would do these things. Republicans are a little more divided on Trump than Democrats are on Harris on some attributes. About one-third of Republican voters say “will say anything to win the election” describes Trump very or extremely well, while only 15% of Democratic voters say that about Harris.

Democratic voters, meanwhile, now have stronger positive feelings about Harris than Republican voters do about Trump. About 9 in 10 Democratic voters have a somewhat or very favorable view of their nominee, while about 8 in 10 Republican voters say the same about Trump.

“I think she really understands, and I think her understanding of how expensive child care is, how impossible it is for first-time homebuyers to buy anything,” said Chanda Harcourt, a 54-year-old writer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who supports Harris. “She really has a grip on it.” □



# The FBI says Iran tried to send hacked files to Democrats. It's another sign of foreign meddling

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)**— When the FBI said this week that Iran had tried to provide Democrats with material stolen from Donald Trump's campaign, it was only the latest allegation of foreign interference with the U.S. election.

The 2024 presidential campaign is encountering a spate of efforts by adversaries to weaken faith in the outcome and potentially alter the results. While much of the attention has been focused on Iran, Russia is still seen as the biggest threat.

The Biden administration has moved aggressively in recent weeks to call out the operations in hopes of alerting Americans so they remain vigilant to wide-ranging, often hidden, foreign efforts to influence their positions on hot-button positions and the candidates.

A look at the latest development and broader concerns about foreign election meddling:

What Iran is alleged to have done

Iranian operatives stand accused of hacking the Trump campaign and attempting to spread the internal communications they pilfered. They also sought access to the Democratic presidential campaign, but there's no indication those efforts were successful.

Several media organizations said last month they received apparently stolen information but declined to publish it.

Politico, for instance, reported that it began receiving emails in July from an anonymous AOL account identified only as "Robert" that passed along what appeared to be a research dossier the campaign had apparently done on the Republican vice presidential nominee, Ohio Sen. JD Vance.

The latest revelation came Wednesday when intel-



The seal of the Department of Justice, Aug. 1, 2023, at the Department of Justice in Washington.  
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ligence officials disclosed that Iranian operatives had offered people associated with the Biden campaign information stolen from the Trump side.

The FBI said a few people connected to Biden's reelection effort received unsolicited emails in late June and early July, before he dropped out of the race, that contained an excerpt "taken from stolen, non-public material" from the Trump campaign.

The outreach to both the media and to Biden campaign associates suggests Iran was trying to pull off a hack-and-leak operation reminiscent of the Russian election interference that was meant to benefit Trump during his 2016 race against Democrat Hillary Clinton.

No signs Democrats accessed the stolen material. The effort fell flat: There's no evidence anyone ever even responded to the emails.

Morgan Finkelstein, a spokeswoman for Democrat Kamala Harris' campaign, said in a statement that the material was not sent directly to the campaign but rather to just a few people associated with the campaign and that the

emails looked like a phishing attempt or spam.

She said the campaign has cooperated with law enforcement ever since being made aware that Biden associates were "among the intended victims of this foreign influence operation." "We condemn in the strongest terms any effort by foreign actors to interfere in U.S. elections including this unwelcome and unacceptable malicious activity," she said.

Trump's unsupported claims

Despite the lack of evidence that anyone connected to the Biden or Harris campaigns tried to take advantage of the stolen material, Trump has seized on the FBI announcement. He falsely claimed on his Truth Social platform that the Harris campaign had been caught "illegally spying on me."

"This is real election interference, not the phony crap they've been trying to pin on me with Russia, Russia, Russia for years," Trump said in a Wednesday night campaign appearance.

That's a reference to an FBI investigation into whether the Trump campaign had coordinated with Russian operatives to tip the out-

come of the 2016 election. Though the investigation did not establish a criminal conspiracy, officials did determine that Trump associates actively welcomed the Russian assistance and hoped to exploit the help for political gain. That includes Trump, who on July 27, 2016, memorably said: "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing. I think you will probably be rewarded mightily by our press,"

That was a reference to the 30,000 emails reportedly stored on the private server that Clinton, his opponent, used as secretary of state. Within hours of his statement, Russian hackers for the first time targeted Clinton's personal office.

Why might Iran be doing this?

One goal, according to U.S. intelligence officials, is to stoke discord in the United States and to undermine public confidence in the integrity of an election that Tehran sees as consequential for its own security interests.

It's also not the first time, either. In 2020, American officials linked Iran to "a multi-pronged covert influence campaign intended

to undercut former President Trump's reelection prospects" that was likely authorized by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and implemented by Iran's military and intelligence services.

Intelligence officials have said Iran opposes Trump's reelection, seeing him as more likely to increase tension between Washington and Tehran.

Trump's administration ended a nuclear deal with Iran, reimposed sanctions and ordered the killing of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, an act that prompted Iran's leaders to vow revenge. A Pakistani man who spent time in Iran was recently charged in a plot to carry out political assassinations on U.S. soil, including potentially of Trump.

What other acts of interference have been detected?

Despite all the news around Iran, the U.S. government still regards Russia as the primary threat to the integrity of the election.

The Justice Department announced a pair of criminal cases this month that officials say expose the lengths that Russia is prepared to go to influence the election.

One case involved two employees of RT, a Russian state media company, of funneling millions of dollars through shell companies to a Tennessee-based content creation firm to churn out English-language, pro-Russia videos, which have generated millions of views. Right-wing influencers linked to the Tennessee firm, Tenet Media, were kept in the dark about the Russian funding and worked unknowingly for a company that was a front for a Russian influence operation.

Another case involved a Russian government scheme to produce AI-generated content on bogus news websites that masqueraded as legitimate outlets. □



# A news site that covers Haitian Americans is facing harassment over its post-debate coverage of Ohio

By **DAVID BAUDER**  
AP Media Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Journalists at a news site that covers the Haitian community in the United States say they've been harassed and intimidated with racist messages for covering a fake story about immigrants eating the pets of people in an Ohio town. One editor at the Haitian Times, a 25-year-old online publication, was "swatted" this week with police turning up at her home to investigate a false report of a gruesome crime. The news site canceled a community forum it had planned for Springfield, Ohio and has shut down public comments on its stories about the issue because of threats and vile posts.

The Times, which had the Committee to Protect Journalists conduct safety training for its journalists in Haiti, has now asked for advice on how to protect staff in the United States, said Garry Pierre-Pierre, founder and publisher. "We've never faced any-



The sun rises over the city of Springfield, Ohio, Monday, Sept. 16, 2024.

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thing like this," Pierre-Pierre said Wednesday. The site says it isn't backing down. The Times has debunked and aggressively covered the aftermath of the story about immigrants supposedly eating the dogs and cats of other Springfield residents, as it

was spread by Ohio Sen. JD Vance, Donald Trump's Republican running mate in the presidential election, and Trump himself in his debate with Democrat Kamala Harris. Despite receiving hundreds of these messages, the site isn't backing down, said Pierre-Pierre, a

former reporter at The New York Times who echoed a mission statement from his old employer in making that promise. "We do not want to hibernate," he said. "We're taking the precautions that are necessary. But our first duty is to tell the truth with-

out fear or favor, and we have no fear."

Pierre-Pierre, who emigrated to the United States in 1975, started the Haitian Times to cover issues involving first- and second-generation Haitians in the United States, along with reporting on what is happening in their ancestral home. It started as a print publication that went online only in 2012 and now averages 10,000 to 15,000 visitors a day, although its readership has expanded in recent weeks.

Macollvie Neel, the New York-based special projects editor, was the staff member who had police officers show up at her doorstep on Monday.

It was triggered when a Haitian advocacy group received an email about a crime at Neel's address. They, in turn, notified police who showed up to investigate. Not only did the investigators know where Neel lived, they covered their tracks by funneling the report through another organization, she said. □

# U.S. troops finish deployment to remote Alaska island amid spike in Russian military activity

By **MARK THIESSEN**  
Associated Press

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — About 130 U.S. soldiers are returning to their bases after being deployed last week to a remote Alaska island with mobile rocket launchers amid a spike in Russian military activity off the western reaches of the U.S., a military official said Thursday.

The deployment to Shemya Island involved soldiers from Alaska, Washington and Hawaii with the 11th Airborne Division and the 1st and 3rd Multi Domain Task Forces, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Sword, a spokesperson for the 11th Airborne, said in an email to The Associated Press.

The deployment coincided with eight Russian military planes and four navy ves-

sels, including two submarines, traveling close to Alaska as Russia and China conducted joint military drills. None of the planes

breached U.S. airspace. A Pentagon spokesperson said earlier this week that there was no cause for alarm.



In this image released by the U.S. Army, U.S. Army soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 11th Airborne Division, maneuver through the thick terrain of Shemya Island, Alaska, as part of a force projection operation to the remote island in the North Pacific Ocean, Sept. 13, 2024.

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Maj. Gen. Joseph Hilbert, commanding general of the 11th Airborne Division, has told media the deployment to the island 1,200 miles (1,930 kilometers) southwest of Anchorage was done at the right time. The deployment occurred Sept. 12. The North American Aerospace Defense Command said it detected and tracked Russian military planes operating off Alaska over a four-day span. There were two planes each on Sept. 11, Sept. 13, Sept. 14 and Sept. 15.

The exercise was a measure of the military's readiness to deploy troops and equipment, Sword said.

"It's a great opportunity to test ourselves in real-world conditions, and another benefit to being stationed in a place like Alaska,"

Sword said.

The Russian military planes operated in the Alaska Air Defense Identification Zone, NORAD said. That is beyond U.S. sovereign air space but an area in which aircraft are expected to identify themselves.

The frequency of Russian airplanes entering the zone varies yearly. NORAD has said the average was six or seven a year, but it has increased recently. There were 26 instances last year and 25 so far this year.

The U.S. Coast Guard's 418-foot (127-meter) homeland security vessel Stratton was on routine patrol in the Chukchi Sea when it tracked four Russian Federation Navy vessels about 60 miles (100 kilometers) northwest of Point Hope, the agency said Sunday. □



# North Korea's Kim is bolstering nuclear and conventional weapons after testing 2 types of missiles

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea said Thursday that leader Kim Jong Un supervised successful tests of two types of missiles — one designed to carry a “super-large conventional warhead” and the other likely for a nuclear warhead, as he ordered officials to bolster up his country's military capabilities to repel United States-led threats.

The tests appear to be the same as the multiple missile launches that neighboring countries said North Korea performed Wednesday, extending its run of weapons displays as confrontations with the U.S. and South Korea escalate.

The official Korean Central News Agency said that Kim oversaw the launch of the country's newly built Hwasongpho-11-Da-4.5 ballistic missile tipped with a dummy “4.5-ton super-large conventional warhead.” It said the test-firing was meant to verify an ability to accurately hit a 320 kilometer (200 mile) -range target, suggesting it's a weapon



In this photo provided by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, center, oversees a launch of, what it says, the country's newly built Hwasongpho-11-Da-4.5 ballistic missile at an undisclosed place in North Korea Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024.

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aimed at striking sites in South Korea.

KCNA said Kim also guided the launch of an improved “strategic” cruise missile, a word implying the weapon was developed to carry a nuclear warhead.

After the tests, Kim stressed the need to continue to “bolster up the nuclear

force” and acquire “overwhelming offensive capability in the field of conventional weapons, too,” according to KCNA. It cited the Kim as saying that North Korea can thwart its enemies' intentions to invade only when it has strong military power.

KCNA released photos of

a missile hitting a ground target. South Korea's military said later Thursday it assessed that both ballistic and cruise missiles fired by North Korea the previous day landed in the North's mountainous northeastern region.

North Korea typically test-launches missiles off its

east coast, and it's highly unusual for the country to fire missiles at land targets likely because of concerns about potential damages on the ground if the weapons land in unintended areas.

Jung Chang Wook, head of the Korea Defense Study Forum think tank in Seoul, said North Korea likely aims to show it's confident about the accuracy of its new ballistic missile. Jung said the missile's high-powered warhead is meant to attack ground targets, but North Korea hasn't acquired weapons that can penetrate deep into the earth and destroy underground structures.

The Hwasongpho-11-Da-4.5 missile's first known test occurred in early July. North Korea said the July test was successful as well, but South Korea's military disputed the claim saying one of the two missiles fired by North Korea travelled abnormally during the initial stage of its flight before falling at an uninhabited area near Pyongyang, the capital. □

## Malaysian police detain CEO and other leaders of Islamic group as probe into child sex abuse widens

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) —

Malaysian police on Thursday detained the CEO and other top leaders of an Islamic business group that is under investigation after hundreds of children believed to be sexually abused were rescued this month from welfare homes linked to the group.

National police chief Razarudin Husain said 12 men and seven women were detained following a police raid on a condominium in Kuala Lumpur. They ranged in age from 25 to 65.

Nasiruddin Mohamad Ali, CEO of Global Ikhwan Services and Business, and several members of GISB's advisory board were among those detained, Razarudin told The Associated Press. Others arrested on the list seen by AP included two of

Nasiruddin's four wives and two of his children.

Some family members of the late Ashaari Mohamad, who headed the Islamic sect Al Arqam, which was deemed heretical and banned by the government in 1994, were also named on the list. Global Ikhwan was founded by Ashaari and flourished after his death in 2010.

Nasirudin earlier said in a video there may be cases of sodomy in GISB homes but denied any wrongdoing.

The arrests came after police rescued 402 children from 20 welfare homes linked to GISB on Sept. 11. Dozens of suspects were arrested in the case, which outraged the nation and sparked calls for better child protection and moni-

toring of childcare centers. Razarudin has said some of the children, aged from 1 to 17, were believed sodomized by their guardians and taught to sexually abuse each other. He said they were denied medical treatment and burned with hot metal spoons as punishment for being disobedient. Medical screening has so far showed that at least 13 teens were sodomized and 172 children suffered long-term physical and emotional injuries, Razarudin said.

The children, whose parents are Global Ikhwan employees, were placed in the homes since they were infants and believed to be indoctrinated from a young age to be loyal to the group, police have said. The children were also

believed to have been exploited to collect public donations.

Authorities have frozen 96 bank accounts linked to GISB, with a value of

581,000 ringgit (\$137,000), as part of the investigation into sexual abuse, child neglect, human trafficking and money laundering. □



Members of Global Ikhwan Services and Business Holdings (GISBH), center in plain clothes, escorted by Royal Malaysian Police officers depart after a court appearance in Seremban, Malaysia, Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024.

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# Sweden charges a woman with war crimes for allegedly torturing Yazidi women and children in Syria

**By JAN M. OLSEN Associated Press COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)** — Swedish authorities on Thursday charged a 52-year-old woman associated with the Islamic State group with genocide, crimes against humanity and serious war crimes against Yazidi women and children in Syria the first such case on trial in the Scandinavian country. Lina Laina Ishaq, who's a Swedish citizen, allegedly committed the crimes from August 2014 to December 2016, in the city of Raqqa, the former de facto capital of the militant group's self-proclaimed caliphate and home to about 300,000 people.

The crimes "took place under IS rule in Raqqa, and this is the first time that IS attacks against the Yazidi minority have been tried in Sweden," senior prosecutor Reena Devgun said in a statement. The Yazidis are one of Iraq's oldest religious minorities. "Women, children and men were regarded as property and subjected to being traded as slaves, sexual slavery, forced labor, deprivation of liberty and extrajudicial ex-



**Prosecutor Reena Devgun speaks during a press conference regarding the indictment of a 52-year-old woman, associated with the Islamic State group, with genocide, crimes against humanity and serious war crimes against Yazidi women and children in Syria, in Stockholm, Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024.**

**Associated Press**

ecutions," Devgun said. "IS tried to annihilate the Yazidi ethnic group on an industrial scale." In announcing the charges, Devgun told a news conference that the prosecutors were able to identify Ishaq through information from the U.N. team investigating atrocities in

Iraq, known as UNITAD. In a separate statement, the Stockholm District Court said the prosecution claims she detained a number of women and children of the Yazidi ethnic group in her residence in Raqqa, and "allegedly exposed them to, among other things,

severe suffering, torture or other inhumane treatment" and also deprived "them of fundamental rights for cultural, religious and gender reasons contrary to general international law." According to the charge sheet, obtained by The Associated Press, Ishaq is

suspected of holding nine people, including children, in her Raqqa home for up to seven months and treating them as slaves. She also abused several of those she held captive.

The charge sheet said that Ishaq, who denies wrongdoing, is accused of having molested a baby, said to have been 1 month old at the time, by holding a hand over the child's mouth when he screamed to silence him. She is also suspected of having sold people to IS knowing they risked being killed or subjected to serious sexual abuse. "In short, her explanation is that she has never bought another person, that she has never owned or exercised any control over another person, and that she has never sold another person," Ishaq's lawyer Mikael Westerlund told Swedish news agency TT.

In 2014, IS militants stormed Yazidi towns and villages in Iraq's Sinjar region and abducted women and children. Women were forced into sexual slavery, and boys were taken to be indoctrinated in jihadi ideology. □

# Lawyer for American charged in Japan's trial of ex-Nissan exec Ghosn appeals for 'justice'

**By YURI KAGEYAMA AP Business Writer TOKYO (AP)** — The six-year-old criminal case of Greg Kelly, an American ensnared in the scandal of

Nissan's former boss Carlos Ghosn, turned a page in a Japanese court Thursday, with his lawyer demanding "justice" with a verdict of total innocence.



**Former Nissan Motor Co. executive Greg Kelly speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Tokyo, on Aug. 18, 2021.**

**Associated Press**

Kelly, a former Nissan executive vice president, was arrested in 2018, on charges related to underreporting the compensation of Ghosn, who led Nissan Motor Corp. for two decades. In 2022, Kelly was cleared of almost all counts and given a suspended sentence, which meant he didn't serve time. He was found guilty for just one of the eight years for which the compensation allegedly was under-reported. "The news traveled around the world, and Kelly's reputation was tarnished literally on a global level," defense lawyer Yoichi Kitamura told the Tokyo High Court. In his final arguments, Kitamura denounced the lower court verdict as "unrea-

sonable," saying it didn't make sense for Kelly to be part of a conspiracy for just the last year. "I close my arguments by demanding the court carefully consider the evidence presented, come to judgment based on law and evidence to hand down the verdict of totally not guilty, restoring Kelly's reputation and realizing justice," Kitamura said, using the English word "justice." Presiding Judge Kazunori Karei promised a verdict on Feb. 4. Kelly asserted his innocence from the start, as has Ghosn. Kelly returned to his home in Tennessee during the appeal and was not present in the courtroom. Ghosn was also arrested and charged but fled to

Lebanon while out on bail in 2019. He says he is innocent. Ghosn is unlikely to be ever tried as Japan has no extradition agreement with Lebanon. Top Japanese executives tend to get far smaller salaries than their Western counterparts. When Japan began requiring top executives to disclose their compensation in 2010, Ghosn's annual pay was cut by about half, or 1 billion yen (\$10 million). Testimony and documents presented during the trial showed Kelly tried to compensate Ghosn through possible post-retirement consultancy fees and paying him not to leave for a rival company, known as a "non-compete" agreement. □



**Simon Waslander**

## Intermezzo: Sharp-Adjusted Altruistic Innovation Portfolio

As a loving reader, it is my profound hope that the various innovative visions and columns illustrate what can be possible in the near future for our beloved island of Aruba and its inhabitants. In this column I am taking the time to elaborate in a detailed manner what my goal and deep motivation is regarding everything I have written in the previous years.

### Human suffering

From the first ancient texts and our own daily experience, we can easily conclude that there is a lot of human suffering around the world, but also in Aruba. On the global scale, examples like extreme poverty, that takes the shape of people who do not have enough to eat or are exploited in all kinds of manners. On the local level, think about topics like chronic illness, like a person who is handicapped after a stroke. Examples of extreme suffering abound. The goal that I have is to reduce this suffering that we all see outside of Aruba and that we experience ourselves.

It is my belief that technology, if used in a responsible and strategic way, can help relieve a lot of problems that we are confronted with, both on the local as well as the global level.

In the following sections I want to illustrate that on the global level there is

more than enough capital available, and that combinations of altruism and monetary gains for investors are surely present.

### 213 trillion US dollars available

According to a report from the investment bank USB, the top 1.5% of most affluent people in the world have more than 213 trillion US dollars in value. This is an extremely huge amount and frankly almost unimaginable. Thus we can conclude simply by saying there is enough capital to invest in all sorts of beneficial projects.

According to a big report from Deloitte, the companies that handle this capital indeed are busy and giving priority not only to the need to generate monetary gains, but also to make our world a better home for one and all. Think about projects of abundant energy, zero hunger and eradication of poverty.

### Which combination of investment can create the biggest impact?

We have concluded that there is capital available and already emphasis is being put on altruistic goals. Now the cardinal question is what to invest in first, in which amount, which combination and which sequence. This is an extremely complicated question and varies for each country. On a macro-

economic and international level we can find a lot of inspiration from reports and calculations extremely detailed from the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). There are already tools available to help calculate how the SDGs interact with each other, and how investment can create massive indirect spill-overs in other areas.

### "Practice What You Preach"

Sadly and causing a great deal of pain, my vision to improve life for those living in Aruba has been blocked for more than seven years, simply because those in government are not fond of me. It is ironic that my columns somehow reach the highest levels of the investment banking sector in the United States and Silicon Valley. At the moment together with the wide network I have accumulated, I am working hard on a vision of a "Sharp-adjusted Altruistic Innovation Portfolio," which combines a high Return-on-Investment with beneficial goals for humanity, and that takes into account the entire spill-over complex that investment has on each other.

My biggest hope is that in a very near future we can bring this vision of technological innovation, altruism and international capital for Aruba, to reduce at least a little the human suffering on our island. □

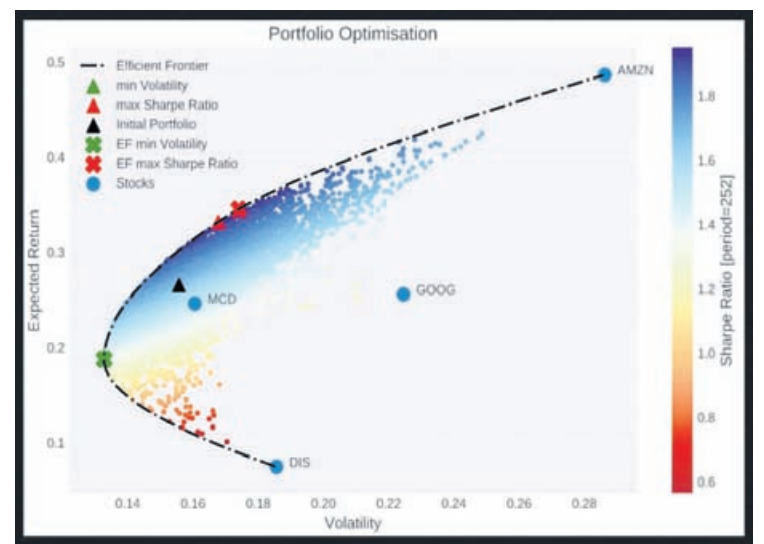
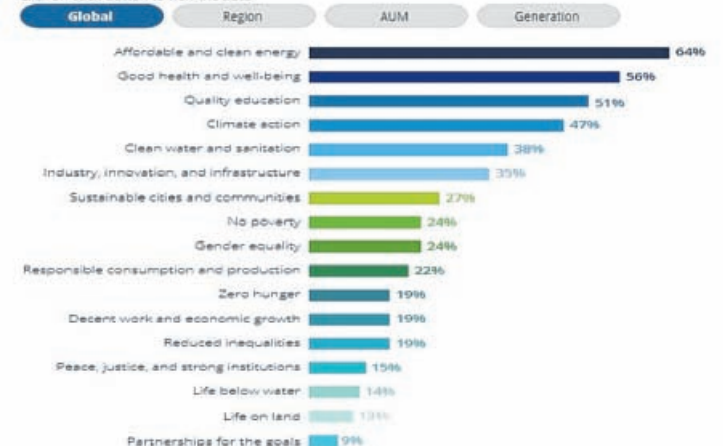


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## Food culture in Aruba

**(Oranjestad) - Like many other cultures, an important aspect of the Aruban cultural identity is our connection to food and food traditions. The local food traditions consist of a melting pot of different cultural and religious eating habits and dishes.**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner The routine of breakfast, lunch and dinner on the island is one that does not completely follow a European or American routine, despite the major influences from these parts of the world on our culture and way of living. When it comes to the three important meals of the day, most of the Aruban population follows a Latin-American influenced routine.

### Breakfast

Breakfast in Aruba is quite simple: a cup of coffee or tea, some bread, and sometimes an egg. Sometimes, due to the need of a quick "to-go" breakfast, you may also find many snack trucks and cafes that sell sandwiches, pastechis (meat pie), arepas and empanadas early in the morning.

### Main Meal

The main meal is typically eaten in most households around noon or in the afternoon. This can consist of meat, fish, and chicken—stewed or fried—with funchi (polenta) or rice with stewed vegetables. Often, fried or boiled plantain or pan bati (Aruban pancake) is included. Stews are a staple in Aru-

ban cuisine and can be largely influenced by Latin-American and Latin/Afro-Caribbean Stews. Some of the more unique stews and soups from the ABC Islands\* include sopi di bonchi cora (red kidney bean soup with pig tail), sopi mondongo (tripe soup), carni stoba (beef stew), comcomber stoba (West Indian gherkin stew) and much more.

### Dinner Time

Dinner time can vary significantly from household to household. Unlike the U.S. or in Europe, dinner time typically does not consist of a whole (warm) meal. Instead, the evening "meal" can typically consist of something lighter, like a sandwich, though it is not uncommon to see leftovers from the main meal re-



heated and eaten again. Tea and coffee are often also served with the evening snack.

### (Religious) Holidays

Christmas is probably the biggest global holiday, and every culture has its own spin on what their Christmas cuisine entails. In Aruba, our Christmas cuisine is again largely based on Latin-American influences, most notably from Venezuela. Ayacas and the famous pan di ham\* are two crucial holiday dishes, along with stuffed turkey, roasted glazed ham topped with pineapples, arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) and potato salad, among other items. Traditional drinks include ponche crema (Aruban eggnog), chuculati pinda (hot chocolate with peanut butter), and homemade fruit punch. Desserts include, bolo di pistachio (pistachio cake), bolo di cashupete (cashew cake), quesillo (flan), bolo preto (dark fruit cake), drigidek (gingerbread), pan boyo (bread cake) and more.

These snacks are usually sold at local snack trucks and cafes, often located on the side of the road. In the area of Tanki Leendert and Tanki flip, for example, there are many of these trucks parked on the side of the road and often open until late at night—offering tasty and filling snacks post night-life fun.

\*ABC Islands: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao

\*Pan di ham: Derived from the Venezuelan Pan de Jamon (rolled up bread with ham, raisins and olives)

\*Saco: Saco literally means "bag". Saco contains fried potatoes, plantains, chicken (and ribs) and a Johnny cake, served in a paper bag. □

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### Snacks and tasty delights

Besides meals and dishes that are eaten on the dinner table, Aruba also has a food tradition that includes snacks and other tasty delights that you may easily find around the island. These include, Saco\*, basket, pastechi, kroket, deditos, Johnny cake and more.



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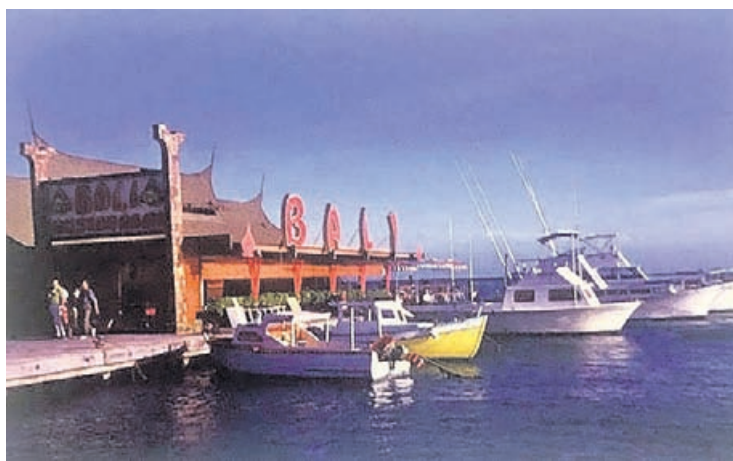


## The Bali Restaurant: a touristic hot spot and lost gem on the island

(Oranjestad)—Once located in what is now the Renaissance Marina, the Bali Restaurant was once both a touristic and local hot spot, and nowadays it's considered a forgotten gem on the island.

Known as "the floating restaurant", Bali first opened in 1955 by Willem "Bill" Strijland, who had experience in Javanese cuisine. At the time, the restaurant was pretty exclusive—with space to host only 25 guests. Yet, 4 years later, it was named the best restaurant in the Caribbean by the Caribbean Tourist Association.

The restaurant was probably most iconic for its Javanese-inspired exterior with its pointy, slanted roofs. However, the first version of Bali did not look like that at all but was still considered as one of the most popular restaurants on the island



at the time. The restaurant saw three different owners during its existence, during which it underwent various renovations and rebranding.

In 1964, the restaurant was taken over by Karel "Carl" Schmand. Over the years, the restaurant needed constant renovation and repair, mainly due to its vulnerability to leaks and the unstable pillars underneath the foundation. However, the biggest change made

to the restaurant happened in the year 1970—still under the ownership of Schmand, when it got its iconic pointy roofs. The restaurant was also expanded to host a total of 85 guests. This was "The New Bali", who had its official (re)opening in 1972.

After 1972, when Ronny Schmand took over, the restaurant saw yet another expansion; this time complete with a long bar and dance floor, where guests enjoyed live music from legendary



Aruban musician and composer, Toti Arends.

After 1989, the restaurant was again handed over to other owners, and since then suffered from unstable pillars underneath the foundation, resulting in various leaks and overflowing of water into the restaurant. And as most great things come to an end, so did the survival and maintenance of the Bali Restaurant. However, folks today still reminisce its legacy, and

it's now considered a lost monument.

Be apart of the conversation: if you or any family member of yours have a memory of the Bali restaurant, whether it be a picture or just a story, share it with us! We would love to see this legendary hot spot through the lens of our visitors!

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## Keeping up with the conniving spider... Nanzi fools Cha Tiger

**Many years ago, Cha\* Tiger did not live in the mondi\*, but among civil society. Back then, he was feared by everyone. When he walked past in a halfway, everyone around would make room immediately, that's how ferocious he was.**

One night a group of friends was hanging out and they were talking about Cha Tiger. "You know, that tiger sure is incredibly strong and I don't trust him one bit. He probably eats a lot too. Oh, I'm so scared of him!" one person said.

"Oh, don't be stupid! What can Cha Tiger do? He's all bark and no bite, that's it. I certainly am not afraid of him. I bet you guys that I could even sit on his back like I would any donkey." It was Nanzi who said this. The people around him laughed at his remarks, thinking how silly it was for

him to say such things.

"You, Nanzi? You are such a liar! He'll stomp you into next Tuesday, stop saying such nonsense."

"I'm not lying!" Nanzi defended himself. "He'll take me all the way to Shon Arei\*."

The next morning, Shon Arei already knew of what Nanzi had been saying about Cha Tiger. He was really curious to see if Nanzi was brave enough to put his money where his mouth is. Cha Tiger walked past.

"Hey, Cha Tiger!" someone called to him. He growled at the person. "Hey, Cha Tiger! Listen!"

"Nanzi made fun of you, said he wasn't afraid of you at all! Said he could sit on your back and that you weren't as strong as we think you are."

Cha Tiger stopped dead in his tracks, furious. "Well, I'll set him straight!" Cha Tiger

ran toward Nanzi's house, prepared to teach Nanzi a painful lesson. The entire way there he was growling and yelling, making everyone around aware what was going to happen. They all ran inside and peaked through the blinds to see the fight that was going to unfold.

Nanzi also heard Cha Tiger's screams, slowly getting closer and closer. He was terrified. His face turned pale, and his teeth started chattering like someone with a high fever. Sweat was dripping down his forehead.

When Cha Tiger arrived at Nanzi's place, he stormed in and saw Nanzi's frail body lying face down in the corner. "Hey, how are you, Cha Tiger?" Nanzi asked, his voice trembling. "I Heard you were making fun of me in front of your



little friends, so I came to hear from your own mouth what you have to say to me," Cha Tiger retorted, still fuming.

"Me? Talk bad about you?" Nanzi chuckled nervously. "People are such liars, I swear. Can't you see how sick I am here?" Nanzi took a pause, like someone who couldn't breathe properly. In his case of course, it was probably from extreme fear. "Shi Maria\* wanted to take me to Shon Arei, where someone can heal me from my illness." Still wrapped up in his act, Nanzi turned back face down. "Me, a father of nine little children..."

Cha Tiger was shocked. Nanzi looked absolutely terrible, God knows he was dying.

"Cha Tiger, you're strong. Could you put me on your back and take me to Shon Arei, I can barely walk," Nanzi pleaded. Cha Tiger took pity on the spider and agreed to do this favor. Nanzi climbed on the tiger's back, letting his body fall down and grabbing on to Cha Tiger's neck. "Would you mind putting a rope in your mouth so I can hold on? That way I can sit up straight," Nanzi asked. Cha Tiger growled in reluctance but said OK. And so they made their way to Shon Arei.

Once they started traveling through the mondi, Nanzi turned to Cha Tiger and said: "These mosquitos are so annoying! Cha Tiger, do you mind if I cut a piece of branch so I can keep these mosquitos away?" Cha Tiger let him take his branch. Eventually they made it out the mondi to where everyone else was. Nanzi immediately perked up and whacked Cha Tiger with his branch, making the tiger jump. He ran all the way to Shon Arei's castle. Exhausted, he plumped down in front of His Majesty.

"See, Shon Arei? Cha Tiger ain't nothing but a big donkey!" Nanzi said proudly. Everyone around cheered: "Hurray, Nanzi!" Poor Cha Tiger was so embarrassed that he was fooled by the conniving spider, and so he ran into the mondi to hide. To this day, it's said that the tiger still hides away in the mondi.

Cha: Nickname placed in front of someone's name and can mean anything, like friend. However, it often has negative connotations first.

Mondi: dry wooded areas found on the ABC islands.

Shon Arei: The King

Shi Maria: Nanzi's wife.

Story and pictures are from "Kon Nanzi a Nek Shon Arei (i otro kuentanan antiano di e araña sabi)" by Nilda Pinto. □





# Aruba's cultural and literary development: Then and now

(Oranjestad)—The Aruban culture has seen many substantial developments over the course of a century. With the introduction of the Lago Refinery at the turn of the 20th century, followed by the breakout of the Second World War and the general incentive for political independence during the mid-century, a cultural identity on the island began to take form and have since developed through international and local influences.

In the pre-industrial era of the 19th century, much could not be said about a cultural identity on the island. Still being a part of a Dutch colonial territory at the time, as well as not having political or economic autonomy (Curacao was the center of commerce, cultural life, and political management of the Netherland Antilles at the time), the small population of Aruba consisted mostly of farmers and fishermen, tending to their crops and their cattle, or going out to fish to provide for their family. As Quito Nicolaas states in his article *Historia di Literatura Arubiano: E Bida Cultural* (Literary History of Aruba: Cultural Life), "during the pre-industrial period, there were no significant economic activity that could have created a cultural ambience, with



only one way to generate profit at the time for the sub existence of Aruban families."

It wasn't until the introduction of the Lago Refinery in San Nicolas in 1928, that the island saw a small boom in cultural manifestations and entertainment, as farmers left the 'cunucu' (country) life to work in the refinery, which resulted in Aruba acquiring a different economic pillar. Before this, entertainment and cultural manifestations were mostly experienced by local parishes and the island's elite, who often partook in cultural and entertaining activities around the island, like going to the movie theater or coming together to share poetry on Sundays after church.

## Literary life

Throughout the 19th century and up until the 1940s, there were also not much

trace of a cultural climate for the cultural-literary sector on the island. Primary education was introduced on the island in the mid-19th century, followed by secondary and higher education around the late 30's and 40's. It wasn't until the 1950s, with the introduction of the E.R.N.A agreement in 1951 and the signing of the Statute in 1954, which allowed more space for and control over the economic and cultural development of Aruba, that the literary life on the island began to grow substantially compared to decades before. This was in response to local institutions established in the 1940s for cultural and literary growth on the island, but that did not yet capture the attention of the general public. The 1950 brought with it a boom of literary production on the island, like those of V.S. Piterrella, as well as migrant authors José

Ramón Vicioso y Rings William Rufus, who have also contributed to the literary development on the island. The literary movement was further promoted by local broadcasters Voz di Aruba and Radio Kelkboom, with their regular broadcast of literary works.

The 50s and 60s also saw the influence of international cultures, especially that of the United States. During this time, because of international influences as well as the continued prosperity of the oil refinery, cultural traditions in Aruba began to really take form and become widespread, as different worldly and local concepts were introduced in the Aruban society. With the establishment of local television broadcast station Tele-Aruba in 1963, and with time and possibilities, local programs such as "Nos Tera" ("Our Land") started to pay more attention to the Aruban culture and worked to form a cultural consciousness within the community. The 1960s also saw the rise of local authors and artists, who were more comfortable in producing works in our native tongue, Papiamentu,

but who also produced works in Spanish, English and Dutch. This new phenomenon was in response to the interaction between economic growth, individual prosperity, cultural life and literary expression.

## The 21st century

Nowadays, international influence on our culture is still prevalent, especially those from Latin America, the United States and The Netherlands. Nevertheless, there also exists a strong cultural identity and traditions that are exclusive to the Aruban culture, often manifesting during traditional celebrations, like Dia di San Juan/ Dera Gai (St. John's Day), Dia di Himno y Bandera (National Hymn and Flag Day), Camping during Easter and much more. With the surge of social media in the last decade, artistic voices, especially those of the younger generation, has become even more prevalent and easily accessible to the community of Aruba through online platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. □

Source: *Historia di Literatura Arubiano: E Bida Cultural* by J.R. "Quito" Nicolaas





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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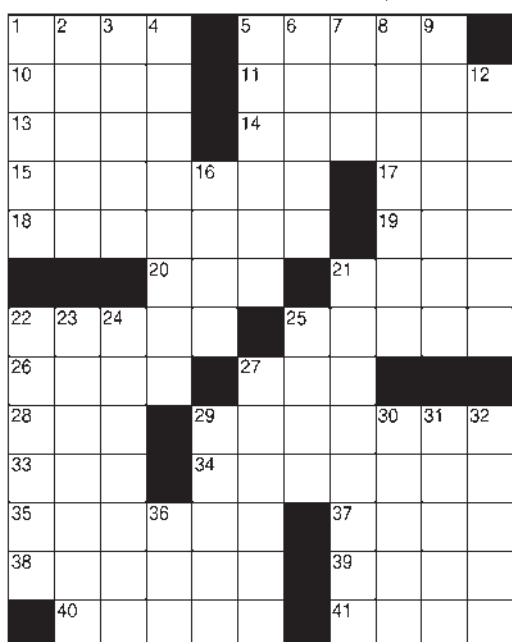
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## Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

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### Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

### Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

### Safety



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# Apple releases AI software for a smarter Siri on the iPhone 16



Attendees take a closer look at the Apple iPhone 16 during an announcement of new products at Apple headquarters Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, in Cupertino, Calif.

Associated Press

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
**AP Technology Writer**

Apple is accelerating the rollout of a software update that will implant artificial intelligence into its virtual assistant Siri and automate a variety of tedious tasks to coincide with the release of its latest iPhone. The free update enabling the first set of features in Apple's suite of artificial intelligence became available Thursday about two weeks ahead of the October release that Apple projected earlier this month when it unveiled the iPhone 16.

Apple didn't say why its artificial intelligence software is coming out ahead of its original schedule, but the technology is a marquee attraction in the four iPhone 16 models arriving in stores Friday.

All iPhone 16 models, with starting prices ranging from \$800 to \$1,200, are equipped with a special processor required for the new technology, which the company is marketing as "Apple Intelligence." That branding is part of an effort to distinguish the iPhone's AI from similar technology already available in smartphones released earlier this year by Samsung and Google.

The AI technology is coming out in U.S. English only

for now, but will expand into localized English in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and the U.K. in December. Apple plans to expand into other languages and countries next year.

Once the iOS 18.1 upgrade is installed, the often bumbling Siri is supposed to become more conversational, versatile and colorful, with a glowing light that will rotate around the iPhone's screen as it responds to requests. While Apple is promising Siri will be able to perform more tasks and be less prone to becoming

confused, it won't be able to interact with other apps installed on the iPhone until another software update comes out at a still-unspecified date.

Other AI features in the software update will handle a variety of writing and proofreading tasks, summarize the content of emails and other documents. The AI also will provide a variety of editing tools to alter the appearance of photos and make it easier to find old pictures. But the update doesn't include other AI tricks still to come, such as the ability to

create customized emojis on the fly or conjure other fanciful imagery upon request. Apple also plans to eventually enable its AI suite to get a helping hand from OpenAI's ChatGPT when users want it.

Besides the new iPhone model, Apple's AI features also will work in two premium versions of the iPhone 15 after the software update to the recently released iOS 18 is installed. That's because both the iPhone 15 Pro and iPhone 15 Pro Max also came with the computer chip needed to power the new AI. The update will also bring the ability to record spatial video on those two iPhone 15 models that can be watched on Apple's \$3,500 Vision Pro headset. □

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# Zachary Quinto steps into some giant-sized doctor's shoes in NBC's 'Brilliant Minds'

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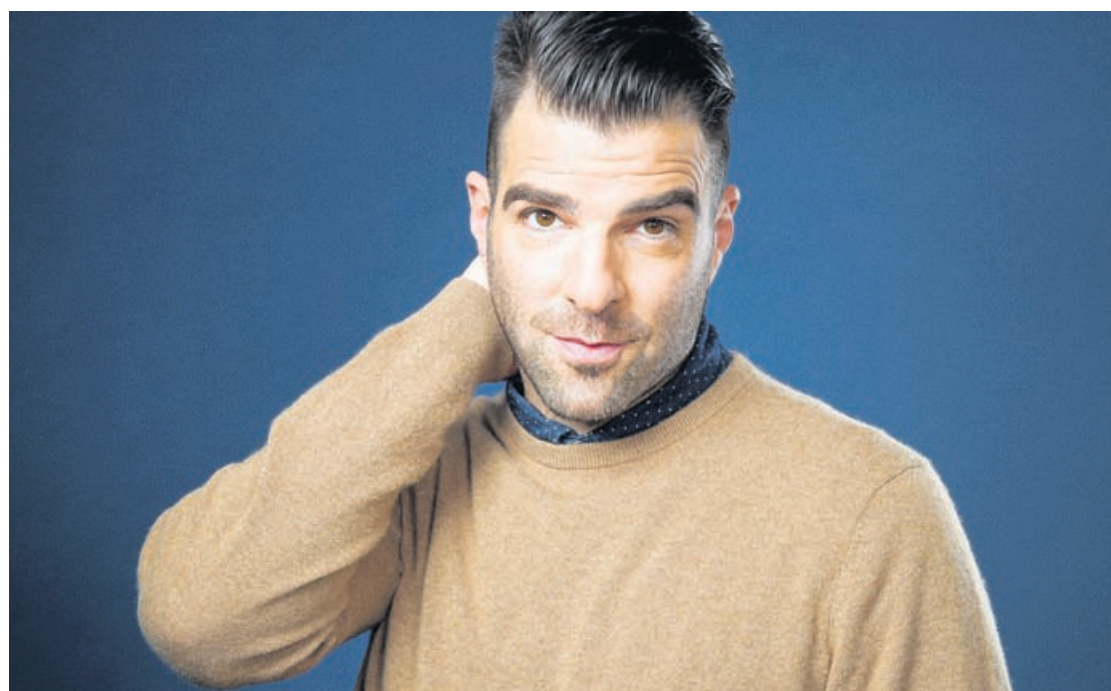
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — There's a great moment in the first episode of the new NBC medical drama "Brilliant Minds" when it becomes very clear that we're not dealing with a typical TV doctor.

Zachary Quinto is behind the wheel of a car barreling down a New York City parkway, packed with hospital interns, abruptly weaving in and out of lanes, when one of them asks, "Does anyone want to share a Klonopin?" a drug sometimes used to treat panic disorders.

"Oh, glory to God, yes, please," says Quinto, reaching an arm into the back seat. The intern then breaks the pill in half and gives a sliver to the driver, who swallows it, as the other interns share stunned looks.

Quinto, playing the character Dr. Oliver Wolf, is clearly not portraying any dour, by-the-rules doctor here — he's playing a character inspired by Dr. Oliver Sacks, the path-breaking researcher and author who rose to fame in the 1970s



Actor Zachary Quinto poses for a portrait on Friday, March 30, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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and was once called the "poet laureate of medicine."

"He was someone who was tirelessly committed to the dignity of the human experience. And so I feel really grateful to be able to tell his story and to continue his legacy in a way that I hope our show is able to do," says Quinto.

He's a fern-loving doctor "Brilliant Minds" takes Sack's personality a motor-

cycle-riding, fern-loving advocate for mental health who died in 2015 at 82 and puts him in the present day, where the creators theorize he would have no idea who Taylor Swift is or own a cell phone. The series debuts Monday on NBC, right after "The Voice."

"It's almost as if we're imagining what it would have been like if Oliver Sacks had been born at a different time," says Quinto. "We

use the real life person as our North Star through everything we're doing and all the stories that we were telling, but we were able to find our own flavor and our own perspective in the telling of those stories as well." In upcoming episodes, Wolf and his team deal with a biker friend whose brain tumor is affecting his memories, a mother who after surgery feels disconnected from her children,

and a 12-year-old girl who gets seizures whenever she laughs.

Aside from the weekly emergencies, there is also a longer, series-long narrative exploring Wolf's personal life and his fraught relationship with his doctor parents, especially his late father, who had mental illness.

"I think over the course of the season, we see Dr. Wolf start to let his guard down a little bit by helping his patients and by mentoring the interns. And he's learning from them as much as they're learning from him," says creator and showrunner Michael Grassi.

The series hopes to satisfy viewers who come for the complex medical mysteries with delicious jargon like "elevated intracranial pressure" and "abnormal neurocardiogenic reflex" but also the very human connections between patient and doctor.

"I always say if people watch our show and they see themselves and the stories that we're telling, then we're doing our job," says Quinto. □

# Jimmy Carter receives Holbrooke award from Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Less than two weeks before his 100th birthday, former President Jimmy Carter is receiving

a lifetime achievement award from the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation, which has set aside its longstanding rule that the winner accept the honor in

person.

The Ohio-based foundation announced Thursday that Carter was this year's winner of the Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award, named for the late diplomat. In 2002, Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his human rights advocacy and for brokering such agreements as the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel.

Carter, who turns 100 on Oct. 1, is in hospice care in Plains, Georgia. His grandson, Jason Carter, will accept the prize on his behalf during a November ceremony that will honor the former president's peace efforts and his authorship of more than 30 books what

the foundation calls "the power of the written word to foster peace, social justice, and global understanding."

"For the past 17 years, one of the standing requirements to receive the Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award was a guaranty that the recipient would appear in person in Dayton, OH for an on-stage interview and an awards ceremony," Nicholas A. Raines, executive director of the Dayton foundation, said in a statement. "This year we have decided to waive that requirement and present the award in absentia, to President Jimmy Carter."

Jason Carter said in a statement that two of his grand-

father's "most enduring interests have been a devotion to literature and a near-constant pursuit of a peaceful resolution to conflict."

"It is gratifying to have the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation choose to honor my grandfather with the Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award for a lifetime of work melding two of his loves: literature and peace," Jason Carter added.

On Thursday, the Foundation also announced that Paul Lynch's "Prophet Song" won the Dayton Literary Peace Prize for Fiction and Victor Luckerson's "Built from the Fire" won for nonfiction. □



Former President Jimmy Carter teaches Sunday School class at the Maranatha Baptist Church in his hometown of Plains, Ga., Aug. 23, 2015.

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# Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese change the WNBA's landscape, and its future

By MICHAEL MAROT

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Year

1 of the Clark & Reese Show has been unlike anything the WNBA has ever seen.

Sure, this season's final chapter is still unscripted with the playoffs set to start Sunday. But the rookie seasons and attention Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese have had makes the league's outlook extremely bright beyond this postseason.

Sold out arenas became the norm. Soaring television ratings helped expand the fan base. Clark, Reese, the presumptive league MVP A'ja Wilson and others continually chased record-breaking statistics. And routine conversations and social media posts spurred sometimes heated debates about everything from basketball to culture.

"Watching the basketball that's been played this season and the talent that's been on the floor across the league, it's been phenomenal," Chicago Sky veteran Lindsay Allen said. "The two rookies, Caitlin and Angel Angel has been huge for us and has been setting records. The basketball has been at a very,



Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark (22) celebrates after a three-point basket against the Dallas Wings in the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024.

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very high level and the interest has been, too."

It's impossible to ignore how much the sport has evolved since Clark, Reese and arguably the best rookie class in league history arrived in April. The timing for the league was perfect, too. Clark and Reese brought the swagger, confidence and passion they exuded in a rivalry that captivated college basketball fans. That momentum contin-

ued into the pros and has elevated the profile of everyone around the league. And as much as everyone attempted to manage the lofty expectations, Clark and Reese, in particular, exceeded them.

The Indiana Fever guard's resume includes rookie records for scoring (761), 3-pointers (120) and All-Star Game assists (10). She broke the league's single-game (19) and single-

season records for assists (329) while becoming the first rookie to ever post a triple-double. Now, she believes a title run is possible in the playoffs. "Once we get there, I think it'll feel a little more real and, obviously, we're not just happy to be there," said Clark, who helped Indiana end the second-longest playoff drought in league history at seven years. "We really believe we can compete with

every single team that's going to be in the playoffs. Obviously, the only team we didn't beat this year was the (Las Vegas) Aces and the only way we would see them, I think, would be in the Finals."

Reese was equally efficient, perhaps more proficient, in her impressive season.

The Chicago rookie forward established new league marks for single-season rebounds (446), offensive rebounds (172) and overall rebounding average (13.1). Though Reese didn't hold the single-season rebound record long because Wilson broke it while Reese was sidelined with a season-ending injury. Reese did become the first rookie with an All-Star Game double-double, and she became the first WNBA player to record back-to-back games of 20 or more rebounds while her 24 double-doubles broke the league's rookie record.

The only real disappointment has been the wrist injury that ended Reese's season after 34 games, an absence that could keep the Sky out of the playoffs and possibly throw a wrench into Reese's Rookie of the Year hopes. □

## Oldest horse racing track in US is closing. Freehold Raceway shutting down on Dec .28

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — Freehold Raceway, the oldest horse racing track in the United States, is shutting down at the end of the year.

Track officials made the announcement on Thursday after a meeting with employees.

Horse racing has been conducted at the half-mile track in central New Jersey since the 1830s. Harness racing became the staple when The Monmouth County Agricultural Society was formed late 1853, and it held harness racing the following year at an annual fair at Freehold Raceway. "This was an extremely dif-

ficult decision, especially given the historical importance of Freehold Raceway to the local community and the New Jersey horse racing industry," track general manager Howard Bruno said in a statement. "Unfortunately, the operations of the racetrack cannot continue under existing conditions, and we do not see a plausible way forward.

We are incredibly thankful for our dedicated employees, horsemen and fan base for their support and patronage for so many years."

Bruno said the track will continue racing the rest

of the year and cease live racing and simulcast operations on Dec. 28.

The main building of the track was destroyed by a fire in 1984. Using tents, racing continued the next two years before a new building opened in 1986.

Freehold was acquired in 1998 by a joint venture of Penn National Gaming and Greenwood Racing, which also owns Parx Casino and Racing in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

Freehold Raceway is the third horse racing track in New Jersey to close since 2001. Garden State Park in Cherry Hill, which held thoroughbred and harness rac-

ing, closed in 2001 after 58 years of operation.

Atlantic City Race Course in Mays Landing closed

in January 2016. The thoroughbred track had opened in 1946. □



Trotters head for the finish line during a horse race at Freehold Raceway in Freehold, N.J., on Oct. 24, 2020.

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## Guardians clinch AL playoff berth with walk-off, 3-2 win in extra innings over Twins

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**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Andrés Giménez singled home José Ramírez from second base in the 10th inning as the Cleveland Guardians clinched a playoff berth in dramatic, fitting fashion, beating the Minnesota Twins 3-2 on Thursday. With Ramírez on second as the automatic runner, Minnesota reliever Caleb Thielbar (2-4) struck out Josh Naylor and the Twins walked Lane Thomas intentionally to face Giménez. Cleveland's second baseman then hit a 3-2 pitch into right to easily score Ramírez. As the All-Star third baseman rounded third, Cleveland's dugout emptied onto the field in celebration as the Guardians posted their MLB-leading 42nd comeback win and second straight in extra innings.

The Guardians are the second AL team to qualify for the postseason, following the New York Yankees, who

locked up a spot Wednesday night. Cleveland now has a chance to possibly end baseball's longest ac-

tive World Series drought, dating to 1948 when the team was known as the Indians. The Twins threatened

in the 10th, loading the bases with one out against Eli Morgan (3-0). But the right-hander got out of the jam by retiring Carlos Correa on a foul pop and Byron Buxton on a liner to right. Cleveland's bullpen, which has carried the team all season, combined for 5 2/3 hitless innings. Rookie Kyle Manzardo homered for the Guardians, who lowered the magic number to clinch the AL Central title to three. The Twins, who are trying to hold on to a wild card, fell into a tie with Detroit for the final spot. The Twins own the tiebreaker. It's been an unexpected season for the Guardians, who went 76-86 last season while saying goodbye to beloved manager Terry Francona after 11 years. They figured to be competitive, not one of baseball's best teams. □



Cleveland Guardians' Andrés Giménez runs out an infield single during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, in Cleveland.

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